

Agenda Supplement – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

For further information contact:

Video conference via Zoom

Liz Wilkinson

Meeting date: 14 January 2021

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 13.30

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– Research Brief and additional papers to note

Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22

(13:45–14:30)

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Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

Gian Marco Currado, Director, Environment and Marine

Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer

John Howells, Director Climate Change, Energy and Planning

Dean Medcraft, Director Finance & Operations

Tim Render, Director, Land, Nature and Food

Attached Documents:

Research brief

4.11 Correspondence in relation to the ongoing dispute between British Gas and the GMB Union

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence between the Chair and Llywydd

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs



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Elin Jones MS

Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

31 December 2020

Proposal for urgent CCERA meeting

Dear Llywydd,

I am writing to you in accordance with Standing Order 17.46 as I wish to call a meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in a week that is not a sitting week. I have consulted Committee members and we have agreed, in principle, to hold a meeting in the afternoon of Thursday, 7 January.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider an ongoing dispute between British Gas and the GMB Union in relation to staffing matters. Following a ballot, the GMB Union has announced that its members will be taking industrial action for 5 days during January 2021, beginning on Thursday, 7 January.

The Committee is concerned that as British Gas is responsible for administering the flagship Welsh Government home efficiency improvement programme, NEST, the industrial action and ongoing dispute may affect the delivery of the programme. The Committee will invite representatives of British Gas and the GMB Union to attend the meeting to discuss these matters.

I would be grateful if you could indicate as soon as is practicable whether you have any concerns about the proposed arrangements set out in this letter.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges MS

Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Our ref: EJ/MH

04 January 2021

Dear Mike,

Thank you for confirming that you have fully considered the resource implications for recalling the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on this matter during recess. Standing Order 17.46 states "A committee chair may, after consulting the Presiding Officer, call a meeting of the committee in a week which is not a sitting week." This sets out that recalling a Committee is a matter for the Committee.

I am copying this letter to Business Managers and Commissioners to make them aware that a Senedd Committee has decided to meet during recess.

Yours sincerely,





Elin Jones MS
Llywydd

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Lesley Griffiths MS

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

11 January 2021

Dear Minister,

You may be aware of an ongoing dispute between British Gas and the GMB Union in relation to staffing matters, resulting in 5 days of industrial action by GMB Union, beginning on Thursday 7 January.

The Committee is concerned that as British Gas is responsible for administering the Welsh Government's NEST scheme, the ongoing dispute and industrial action may impact on the delivery of the programme.

It would be helpful if you could provide a view on the extent to which the delivery of the NEST scheme is likely to be impacted by the industrial action.

The Committee would welcome a response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges MS

Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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